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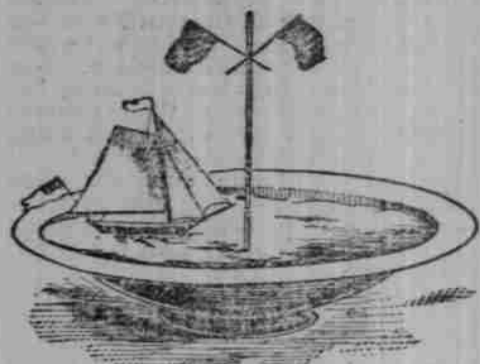
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of woolen clothes, and this quality of the camphor can be made use of in a way which makes out of a toy boat a vessel that swims around by itself.

A little piece of camphor is tied to the stern of the boat, as you see by the sketch, and soon your little craft will sail about your tiny lake, a good sized wash basin, which handy boys decorate with flagstaves for quarter mile stretches, fastening the little pole to the center of the basin with a bit of sealing wax. When you want to stop the progress of the boat, drop a little oil on the water, and it will come to a halt.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### Spider and Wasp Fight.

A fierce battle for life between a large spider and a wasp was witnessed by a Fifteenth ward man in his garden one day last summer. The spider had spread her web in a corner of the fence and was patiently waiting for something to turn up. Suddenly a wasp flew into the web. He was firmly caught, but his desperate efforts to escape tore several holes in the filmy network about him. Here the spider rushed out and rapidly began to repair the breaks. The wasp fought harder still and seemed to be trying to get a chance to sting his slay foe.

In a minute or two the wasp lay perfectly still, as if dead. The spider rushed out and seized the body of her victim. The wasp, who had apparently been playing possum, suddenly became very much alive, and in a flash spider and wasp were clasped in a death lock. There was a short, fierce struggle, and both insects fell from the dilapidated web to the ground. They lay there quite still, and the interested spectator, stooping over them, found that both were dead.—Philadelphia Record.

### How Sea Birds Quench Their Thirst.

The question is often asked, "Where do the sea birds obtain fresh water to slake their thirst?" but we have never seen it satisfactorily answered until a few days ago. An old skipper with whom we were conversing on the subject said that he had seen these birds at sea far from any land that could furnish them water hovering around and under a stormcloud, clattering like ducks on a hot day at a pond and drinking in the drops of rain as they fell. They will smell a rain squall a hundred miles or even farther off and send for it with almost inconceivable swiftness.

How long sea birds can exist without water is only a matter of conjecture, but probably their powers of enduring thirst are increased by habit, and possibly they go without water for many days, if not for several weeks.—Golden Days.

### Rope Skipping.

The skipping rope season has only just begun, but already one little daughter has died because she tried to skip too long without stopping. A little girl in Mount Vernon was made sick by too much rope jumping and died in the hospital a few days after. Rope skipping is a healthful and wholesome exercise if not done too long at a time. Little girls in England use always the single rope—that is, they turn the rope for themselves, using both hands and skipping as they run. In this way steady jumping is avoided, and no trouble can follow.—New York Exchange.

### Lucky Adam.

Little Johnny—Solomon was the wisest man, but Adam was the luckiest. Little Ethel—Why was he? Little Johnny—'Cause when Adam was a boy there wasn't a schoolhouse in the whole world.—Good News.

### A Summer Girl.

A dainty little April miss, In hat and gown so fine, Held high her pretty blue umbrella, Although the sun did shine.



"I won't be caught today!" she cried And pouted with a smile, "These undecided April skies Both sun and shower beguile!" Oh, dainty little April miss, The sun shines warm and clear, Your big umbrella's out of date, So shut it up, my dear.



### NEW HATS AND BONNETS.

The hat on the right is of drab straw trimmed with brown surah, yellow jondull and a bunch of myosotis. The upper one is a black chip bent into many scallops and trimmed with pink flowers and a large black bow. The bonnet at the left is of gray chip and white lace, with black surah bows and pink roses. The strings are of velvet, and pin. The lower hat is of shirred net, covered with fancy Russian lace, trimmed with white asters and white mistletoe.

### Mrs. Platt Favors Suffrage.

As the time approaches for the beginning of the constitutional convention the number of meetings held by the woman suffragists grows less. There is no cessation of work, however. Signatures are still being sought after, and the latest one to be recorded is that of Mrs. Thomas C. Platt, wife of the Republican leader. The committee on labor organizations is working hard. It is proposed to send to the convention a petition book filled solely with endorsements of labor societies. So much has been said about the fashionable interest which has been aroused that the leaders want to emphasize the fact that this is not a class movement. The work among the labor organizations has been but little noticed, but has been both vigorous and successful. The anti woman suffragists, whose headquarters are at the Hotel Waldorf, have opened a branch at Brancard's, 150 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, where those who wish to sign the protest may do so.—New York Letter.

### One Woman's Life.

A strange career, filled with startling extremes and vicissitudes, has just ended in the death of Mrs. George H. Williams at Portland, Or. Married and divorced in early life, she married the lawyer who secured her legal separation from her first husband. The lawyer rose to be a senator of the United States from Oregon and attorney general of the United States. His bright and beautiful wife became a great social figure. She had one more ambition—that her husband should be chief justice of the supreme court. The place which seemed within his reach was lost through the opposition of those who could not bear to see the wife become the "second lady in the land." Then both husband and wife disappeared from public life, and the queen of society sank into the gloom of religious fanaticism—fasted and prayed and doubtless wept—and now is dead.—Kansas City Star.

### Well Paid Teaching.

There is a boarding school up in Fifth avenue, near the park, where the girls are taught to be elegant as they are taught cube root or rhetoric. One special teacher, who received \$15 an hour for her refined influence, dresses beautifully, comes in a coupe and pays a formal visit. She leads the conversation, discussing all the current topics of interest to polite people and frowning down mistakes and bad taste. Everything she says and does, every gesture and everything she wears is said or done or worn to teach "distinguished manners." When she goes home, she writes letters to the girls and the teachers containing compliments and criticisms, respectively. During the school year each girl is this elegant lady's guest at breakfast, dinner or the theater.—New York World.

### Combination of Blue and Red.

There is a tendency to return to the combination of red and blue in gowns both for home and street. These two colors are natural complements, and they go well toward making a cheap gown look handsome. I noticed recently a dark blue serge made for a young lady. The skirt was plain in form, with five gores handsomely braided with wide black soutache. The front breadth was left open on each side to admit of a narrow panel of cherry satin. The waist opened over a vest of the same, and there was a sprung flounce to the waist lined with the satin. At the neck there was a wide jabot of the satin, which spread nearly to the points of the revers. The high collar was also red.—Home Queen.

### Why She Wants to Vote.

Mrs. S. L. Baldwin addressed a congregation in the First Place Methodist Episcopal church, Brooklyn, recently on the woman suffrage question. Mrs. Baldwin, who was for many years a missionary in China, is an ardent advocate of the ballot for women. Among

other things she said: "I want the ballot because I detest class legislation. Our legislation today is of that variety, pure and simple. Do you know, ladies, that in all but five of our states a mother has not as much right to her own child as has a hen to its chickens or a cow to her calf? Should not a mother have a claim on her own child? Then do you blame me for asking for woman suffrage?"—Brooklyn Eagle.

### Favors a Woman.

The Chicago Inter Ocean supports the demand of the Equal Suffrage association of Illinois that a woman be nominated to the office of trustee of the state university of Illinois. It adds: "It is needless to repeat the argument that a woman educated in American schools and in an American home is at least as fit a person to be intrusted with the ballot as a man of alien birth who has not learned to read the American language or how to speak it correctly at the time of his naturalization. It is more important to call attention to the fact that the Equal Suffrage association has come into the campaign early and promises to stay until the end."

### A Pertinent Question.

At the recent closing exercises of the woman's law class at the University of the City of New York, Chancellor McCracken bestowed certificates upon 29 women. One of the graduates—Mrs. Sendamore—spoke on "The Married Woman." In the course of her essay she asked a pertinent question, "If distinct titles like Miss and Mrs. are used to distinguish single and married women, why are not such distinctions equally necessary for bachelors and married men?"

### The Twenty-third.

The Ohio house of representatives on April 24 passed the senate bill extending school suffrage to women. Ohio thus falls into line, making the twenty-third state in which women can vote for school officers. Which state will be the next to join the procession?

### God Help Them!

A disheartening instance of the exigencies of the industrial situation is taken from Miss O'Reilly's assistant factory inspector's report. "There is a certain class of babies' socks for the crocheting of which certain Philadelphia firms pay 1 cent apiece. The women who do it must work unceasingly 14 hours to earn 24 cents."

### She Led the Way.

Mrs. Cornelia Rodgers, a wealthy property holder on John street, was the first woman in Bridgeport to register at the spring election. More than 100 women took advantage of the new law and cast their ballots.—Bridgeport (Conn.) Letter.

An unpleasant feature of some of the modern English weddings is the child bridesmaid, who is sometimes actually decorated with diamonds, sprinkled with perfumes and, horrible to say, powdered and painted.

In Berlin there is a union of woman artists, presided over by the wife of Delbrück, minister of state. The union has opened an exhibition of 330 paintings, water colors and sculptures.

White toilets will be in high fashion all summer, both for informal occasions, and for more elaborate functions, ceremonies, dinners, receptions or garden parties.

A tablet to the memory of Jenny Lind was unveiled in Westminster abbey recently by Princess Christian, one of the daughters of Queen Victoria.

The women of Mead, Neb., have organized a dress cutting school, and all are learning to make their own garments.

Skirt dancing is declining in vogue. Fencing and golfing are the coming "fivers."



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